

- Written Testimony submitted by Rolf Obin 9 Archer Lane Darien, CT
- To the Connecticut Legislature Housing Committee regarding HB 6633
- The State Constitution Article Tenth. of Home Rule. Sec. 1. States the following: *“The general assembly shall by general law delegate such legislative authority as from time to time it deems appropriate to towns, cities and boroughs relative to the powers, organization, and form of government of such political subdivisions.”* It goes on to say *“After July 1, 1969, the general assembly shall enact no special legislation relative to the powers, organization, terms of elective offices or form of government of any single town, city or borough, except as to (a) borrowing power, (b) validating acts, and (c) formation, consolidation or dissolution of any town, city or borough”*
- The Constitution delegates to municipalities the power to form Planning and Zoning Commissions and regulations that are free and independent from State Legislation. The Town of Darien has complied in filing it's Zoning regulations with the State of Connecticut which includes an Affordable Housing Plan.
- I submit that HB 6633 is in violation of State Constitution because the bill as written imposes special legislation mandating “fair share” building requirements that are outside of municipality zoning regulations and as such are not empowered under the Constitution.
- Therefore, the Housing Committee should vote NO to HB 6633 and should never move out of Committee.